

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING ANNIE WIRTH
ON HER WIN AT THE IHSA
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN LONG
JUMP

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Annie Wirth, a junior from Geneseo High School, who won first place at the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) State Championship in Long Jump.

Annie's win at the IHSA Girls Track and Field State Championship can be summed up by shattered records and a team trophy. With the bar set at 5 feet, 10 inches, Annie began her attempt with a slight jump before sprinting at the bar and bending around it nearly six feet in the air. She knew that jump would set a new record, and the height of the jump was the tallest out of any of the three classes. Annie medaled again after a 17-foot, 7¾ leap, placing third in that competition. She also placed fifth in the 300m hurdles, running 45.35 in the rain. As a former athlete, I commend Annie for her dedication to her team and to her sport and am proud of how far that has taken her.

Annie's athletic success is remarkable. I am incredibly proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District and student-athletes like Annie Wirth. Madam Speaker, I would like to formally congratulate Annie Wirth again, the Illinois High School Association State Champion in Long Jump.

SALEM AMERICAN LEGION BAND

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending the 75th birthday celebration of the Salem American Legion Band. The Salem American Legion Band was started in 1947 by World War II veterans. Today, the band is comprised of young musicians, both veterans and non-veterans, from all over Salem County, as well as neighboring South Jersey counties. The Salem American Legion Band performs two major concerts each year. In May, they have their Spring Veterans Concert, where they honor and recognize our nation's veterans for their service. Then, in the winter, the band hosts their Christmas concert. In addition to their semi-annual concerts, the American Legion Band performs at various events around the South Jersey area. Congratulations to the band on their 75th year and thank you to our veterans for their brave service. God Bless the Salem American Legion Band, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING JEFFERSON COUNTY'S
230TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate the 230th anniversary of Jefferson County, Tennessee.

Governor William Blount formed Jefferson County in 1792 from land that was formerly part of the Southwest Territories, and it was one of the few counties created before Tennessee became the 16th state in 1796.

Davy Crockett, one of our nation's most prominent frontiersmen, called Jefferson County home for 15 years and represented Tennessee in the U.S. House of Representatives. During his residence in Jefferson County, Davy Crockett married his wife, Polly Finley, in 1806 at the Finley Homeplace.

Today, Jefferson County is home to many small businesses, abundant farmlands, and incredibly kind and wonderful residents. It is also home to several academic institutes, such as Carson-Newman University, that are shaping the minds of our future leaders.

I am proud to represent Jefferson County and its residents in the U.S. House of Representatives, and it is my honor to recognize Jefferson County's 230 years of rich history.

RECOGNIZING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIAL FORCES AND HONORING THE "FATHER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES", COLONEL AARON BANK

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, on Sunday, June 19, 2022, we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the United States Army Special Forces—the most versatile Special Operations soldiers in the world.

Since their establishment in 1952, Special Forces soldiers have distinguished themselves globally and continue to go above and beyond the call of duty to defend the United States in combat theaters worldwide. However, due to the covert nature of many of their missions, both the measure of their sacrifice and their contribution to freedom here and abroad may never be known.

I hope all Americans will join me in celebrating their 70th anniversary and thanking them for giving more to this country than could ever be repaid and perhaps, could ever be measured.

In valor, courage, and fidelity, the Special Forces are the world's finest fighting force, and I am thankful that they are in the business of protecting the United States of America and its citizens.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to Colonel Aaron Bank, the founder and first commander of the Special Forces. After World War II, it was clear there was a place for highly trained unconventional forces. Colonel Bank began working to convince the U.S. Army to adopt a permanent unconventional warfare force. After tireless efforts, the U.S. Army launched its first Special Forces unit, the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with Colonel Bank as its first commander.

Since then, the U.S. Army Special Forces has spawned special operations units from the other military branches such as the Navy SEALs, Air Force Combat Controllers, and the Marines' Force Recon.

We have Colonel Bank to thank for emphasizing the strategic and tactical importance of such units, which he modeled in designing, implementing, and commanding the Army's first Special Forces unit.

I consider it an honor and privilege to participate in recognizing both his contribution and the legacy of his vision and foresight, the United States Special Forces.

My most sincere gratitude goes out to Colonel Bank and all Green Berets as they celebrate the 70th anniversary of the U.S. Army Special Forces.

NICHOLAS GEORGE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I attended Nicholas George's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Nicholas is a junior at Ocean City High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 79 in Upper Township. For his Eagle Scout project, he created a permanent memorial honoring Marienus J. Segeren (Mar-e-en J. Seg-e-ren), a trooper who died serving the New Jersey community in 1971. He decided to create this memorial because he has a strong interest in pursuing law enforcement as a future career path. Nicholas planned the project, solicited the funding, organized the labor groups, and installed the memorial all on his own. In addition, he presented the excess of funds that he obtained for the memorial to the New Jersey State Police Survivors of the Triangle to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Nicholas is a very special young man with high ideals. He should be proud of his contributions to the law enforcement community in New Jersey, and I wish him the best of luck in pursuing his own career in law enforcement. God Bless Nicholas, and God Bless our America.

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